

**St. Anne's Sunday School Year Calendar of Events**  
**2018-2019**

**Calendar of Events:**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates concerning Sunday School. We consider it important for you to be informed ahead of time so you can plan accordingly.

Above all, make sure that you **bring your children consistently**- so they can learn and grow in their faith and with their church.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Family Retreat** To start off the Sunday School year, we will have a mini-retreat for all families in our parish. The theme is "On the Holy Cross", which is to understand why the Cross is such an important part of our Christian life. Here is the schedule:

- 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM- Arrival
- 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM- "Why is Jesus's sacrifice important?"
- 7:00 PM to 7:15 PM - Arts and Crafts
- 7:15 PM- Preparation for the prayers
- 7:30 PM- Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross. Celebrant Fr. Fouad. Homily by Fr. Musil: "How can we use our cross to glorify God?"
- 9:00 PM. Dinner and Potluck with Bonfire

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018-** First Day of Sunday School at 10:30 AM in the Rectory. We will have a welcome **breakfast for the parents and kids**. This will give you a chance to **meet our teachers**.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018-** One combined Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM. Annual Thanksgiving Potluck. **We ask that parents and parishioners sign up to donate a Thanksgiving food item for the parish luncheon.**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018-** Celebration of the **Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**- Girls will wear White top with a black Bottom, and join in the procession and explain the story of the feast to the parishioners. **The celebration will take place at the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy.**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018-** Christmas Play Rehearsal- We will practice from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with a lunch included. **This is a mandatory practice for all parents and children.**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018-** No School. St. Anne's **Annual Christmas Program**- One combined Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM. **Christmas play by the Sunday School**, with some songs in the hall. Finally, the arrival of **St. Nicholas** of Myra with gifts for the children.

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** Sunday after The Nativity (Christmas)- No Sunday School classes.

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Feast of Theophany-** Sunday School classes resume. One combined Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM.

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Family Day Retreat-** Theme: *What our Baptism means to us as a Christian family!* Includes the making of Awamat.

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019-** Celebrating the **Feast of the Encounter of our Lord.** Boys will wear Black bottom with a white top and join in on the processions. They will explain the story of the feast to the parishioners. **The celebration will take place at the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy.**

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Annual Lenten Supper** sponsored by the Sunday School. **We ask that parents sign up to donate a fasting dish.**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Celebrating the **Feast of the Annunciation.** One combined Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM, followed by lunch in the hall.

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Annual Lazarus Saturday Activity.** Our Lazarus Saturday is filled with many activities for the Sunday School kids, as they make their **Palm Sunday candle**, learn about **Holy Week**, do an **Easter Egg hunt**, and a **charity activity** for others.

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019-** No Sunday School classes.

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Thomas Sunday-** Sunday School classes resume.

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019- The First Reconciliation Program-** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A fun day filled activities that celebrate being freed from sin and forgiven by God. We will begin with the **reconciliation service** in the church, and then followed by **activities, which include sporting activities, crafts, lunch, and games.**

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019- Sunday School Closing Ceremony.** One combined Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM. We will present gifts to the kids for completing another year in Sunday School. Those who completed the new 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum will then move on to begin their activities in SAMYA. After the Divine Liturgy, we will have a **picnic in the park.**

**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Summer day camp.** We plan on having a great two-day event where parents can come and bring their kids as they learn about their faith and have fun at St. Anne's Melkite Catholic Cathedral. Lunch will be provided each day.